

End of Tenancy Cleaning Checklist

Maximise Your Chances of Getting Your Full Deposit Back

Cleaning disputes are one of the most common reasons landlords and letting agents make deposit deductions. Before handing back the keys, use this comprehensive room-by-room cleaning checklist to ensure the property is left in a clean and presentable condition.

Complete each section and tick off tasks as you go.

Property Information

Property Address: _____

Move-Out Date: _____

Tenant Name(s): _____

General Cleaning Tasks (All Rooms)

- Remove all personal belongings
- Dust all surfaces
- Wipe skirting boards
- Clean light switches and plug sockets
- Remove cobwebs
- Clean doors and door handles
- Clean mirrors
- Vacuum carpets thoroughly
- Sweep and mop hard floors
- Empty bins and remove rubbish

- Clean radiators and vents

Notes:

Living Room

- Dust shelves and furniture
- Clean windows internally
- Wipe window sills
- Clean blinds or curtains
- Remove marks from walls where possible
- Vacuum under furniture
- Clean carpets and rugs
- Mop hard flooring
- Clean light fixtures

Notes:

Kitchen

Worktops & Cupboards

- Wipe and disinfect worktops
- Clean cupboard doors
- Empty and clean cupboards inside and out
- Remove food and rubbish

Appliances

- Deep clean oven
- Clean oven trays and racks
- Clean hob and burners
- Clean extractor fan and filters
- Clean microwave
- Clean refrigerator inside and out
- Defrost freezer if required
- Clean dishwasher
- Clean washing machine detergent drawer

Sink Area

- Descale taps
- Clean sink and drain
- Polish stainless steel surfaces

Floors

- Sweep and mop floor thoroughly

Notes:

Bedrooms

- Remove all personal items
- Dust all surfaces
- Clean wardrobes inside and out

- Wipe drawers and storage units
- Clean mirrors
- Vacuum carpets
- Clean windows and sills
- Remove any temporary hooks or decorations
- Check for stains or marks

Notes:

Bathroom

- Clean toilet thoroughly
- Clean sink and taps
- Descale shower head
- Remove limescale from tiles
- Clean bath or shower enclosure
- Polish mirrors
- Clean extractor fan
- Wipe bathroom cabinets
- Mop floor
- Remove mould where possible

Notes:

Hallways & Stairs

- Vacuum carpets
- Mop hard floors
- Dust handrails
- Remove marks from walls
- Clean light fittings

Notes:

Windows & Glass

- Clean interior glass
- Wipe frames and sills
- Remove fingerprints and marks
- Clean mirrors throughout property

Notes:

Furniture (If Property Is Furnished)

- Dust all furniture
- Clean tables and desks
- Vacuum sofas and chairs
- Remove stains where possible
- Check under cushions

- Clean wardrobes and drawers

Notes:

Final Move-Out Checks

- All rubbish removed
- All food removed
- Property vacuumed and mopped
- Appliances cleaned
- Keys collected and ready for return
- Meter readings recorded
- Photos taken of every room
- Inventory checklist completed
- Forwarding address provided

Notes:

Photo Evidence Checklist

Before leaving the property, take clear photos of:

- Every room
- Floors and carpets
- Kitchen appliances
- Bathrooms

- Windows
- Any areas previously disputed
- Meter readings
- Final property condition

Store these photos safely in case of future deposit disputes.

Tenant Sign-Off

I confirm that this cleaning checklist has been completed to the best of my ability and the property has been left in a clean and reasonable condition.

Tenant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Deposit Protection Tip

Always take timestamped photos after cleaning and before returning the keys. If a landlord or letting agent later claims the property was not cleaned properly, your photos can provide valuable evidence during a deposit dispute.